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Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative's main objective is to provide reliable electric service to its members at the lowest cost consistent with good business practice.

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April 18 is National Lineman Appreciation Day

Members:

On April 18, 2019, your Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative will celebrate National Lineman Appreciation Day.

Columbia Basin Electric honors the dedicated linemen who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

Our lineworkers are the first responders of our electric distribution system, and they work around the clock on high-voltage lines. Conditions can be dangerous, but they power through to ensure reliable service for our members.

CBEC invites its members to take a moment and thank a lineman for the work they do. Throughout April, if you see a lineman, please take a moment to shake his hand or express your thanks for all he does. Our linemen are Russ Brannon, Shaun Hisler, John Irzyk, Dave Jaca, Jim Schlaich, Eric Schonbachler and Josh Winters, with Apprentice Tate Gentry and Mechanic Troy Hyatt.

They truly do keep the lights on for you!

Best Regards,

Tommy Wolff
CEO/General Manager





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Usually the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Rd. The public is always welcome.

Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People's Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public's right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future.

We believe in:

- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Customer Service
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Operational Excellence
- ▶ Sustainability

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Manager's Report



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

By the time you read this I am hopeful that the snow has melted and that we are in fact well on our way to Spring. Given that my weather predictions are likely worse than a certain shadow-seeking rodent, let's just assume I'm wrong and you're still bundled up inside your home and businesses.

With this extremely cold and late snowy season, here is another reminder that cold weather tends to increase your electrical consumption, and your PUD bills, and that we have friends and neighbors that could use our help.

We understand fully that the cost per unit of measurement (kilowatt hours) is only one aspect, and that the amount of energy used, via energy consumption, is what can make an energy bill larger from one season to the next. That is why we work hard to provide opportunities for energy conservation, and very soon, other options such as prepay or other programs to help our customer-owners in need. One other way we do that is through our "Neighbor to Neighbor" program. This program gives a helping hand to customers who are struggling to pay their electric bills.

One hundred percent of customer donations stay in our community!

Eligible households who do not qualify for other state or federal assistance may receive up to \$125 in a 12-month period. Eligibility is established according to federally defined poverty levels and verification of eligibility is determined by CAP.

You can sign up to have a small monthly contribution of \$1, \$2, or \$5 automatically added to your bill each month, or you can make your contribution on a separate check made payable to "Neighbor to Neighbor." All contributions are tax deductible.

Please consider joining me in supporting some of our fellow community members in this manner.

Thank you,

Roger Kline
General Manager





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Board meetings are the fourth
Tuesday of every month.

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Lineworker Appreciation Day

Electric lineworkers are committed to the challenges of their jobs. Combine working in the air, high-voltage power lines and extreme weather, and you've got the makings for one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. But linemen are up to the task. They are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Nespelem Valley Electric Cooperative linemen are responsible for keeping the lights on day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important milestones. In addition to the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineman. At times, the job requires linemen to set aside their personal priorities to better serve the local community.

To perform their job successfully, linemen depend on their years of training and experience, and they depend on each other to get the job done safely. Equally important, linemen rely on a strong support system at home. A lineman's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

NVEC linemen's mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their job. They are familiar faces in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, leading a Scout troop, or volunteering for local churches and charities.

Monday, April 8, is recognized by electric cooperatives across the country as Lineworker Appreciation Day. NVEC linemen are dedicated both on and off the job. I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to the local community. If you see a member of their family in the grocery store or out and about around town, please offer them a thank you as well.



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**Happy
Easter!**

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President's Report

Rate Update

Consumers Power is undergoing a cost-of-service study to ensure the rates we charge for each customer class are sufficient to cover the cost of providing safe and reliable electricity to our members. Through the last decade, CPI's rates have increased at less than 2 percent a year—essentially following inflation—despite a variety of steadily rising business costs, including the following:

- The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing a rate increase on both power and transmission rates for fiscal year 2020, which take effect in October.
- Wood, copper, steel and aluminum, used in transformers, regulators, poles and wire, have increased significantly due to tariffs and shortages from increased nationwide demand as a result of wildfire and storm damage to utility infrastructure. Labor costs are rising as well.
- The cost of borrowing is beginning to increase. During the last decade, CPI has worked diligently and with great success to refinance much of our debt at record-low levels. Interest rates are now on the rise, making it more expensive to borrow new capital.
- Since the 2008 recession, we have experienced flat or declining energy sales, which has put pressure on margins. At the same time, we are replacing aging utility infrastructure (poles, underground cable, transformers, etc.) at an increasing rate to maintain reliability to our members.

- CPI is increasing the retirement of legacy

Capital credits to maintain a reasonable rotation of this capital.

The Consumers Power Board of Directors is analyzing these costs and their impact on our financial health. Keeping the cooperative financially sound is one of the board's most important responsibilities. Lenders require us to meet certain financial tests and to maintain equity at adequate levels to keep our cost of borrowing low. Our goal is to provide safe, reliable, economic electric service to our members while keeping the cooperative financially sound.

Winter Goes Out With a Bang

We were already experiencing one of the coldest Februarys on record when Old Man Winter decided to truly bare his teeth. Plenty of heavy, wet snow fell in the Mid-Willamette Valley on Sunday, February 24, and put CPI employees to the test. We experienced 164 outage locations throughout our service territory. With help from four outside utilities, power was restored by the evening of the 26th.

As difficult as it was for CPI members, utilities to the south of us were still working to restore power well into mid-March. We thank the outside crews and our employees for their dedication and first-rate teamwork, and you, our members, for the many thank you letters and cards we received.

Roman Gillen
President and CEO



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Board Meetings, Agendas & Minutes

The board of trustees will meet April 10 and April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Prosser Office unless otherwise indicated on our website.

The board agenda for the upcoming meeting is available to members upon request no earlier than six days prior to the board meeting. Minutes of prior board meetings are available to members upon request. To request board agendas or minutes, visit a Benton REA office, email priorityrequests@bentonrea.org or call 509-786-2913.

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Celebrate These April Dates

Dear Members,

April typically isn't a month full of holidays. But at Benton REA, April is a month worth celebrating.

Every day I am thankful for Benton REA's employees, but on April 18, I especially appreciate our lineworkers. Lineworker Appreciation Day celebrates the men and women who power our nation. They work with dangerous, high-voltage power lines, often in less-than-pleasant weather conditions, to keep our members safe and comfortable. Remember to thank a lineworker on the 18th of April.

April 19 is Benton REA's 82nd birthday. In 1937, the first Benton REA board of trustees officially activated your electric cooperative with the goal of electrifying the countryside. Today, we are still a locally-controlled co-op, owned and led by our members. Stop by our Prosser or West Richland office on April 19 and help us celebrate with cookies and coffee!

Earth Day is April 22. It's easy to feel disconnected from nature when we depend on electronic devices for work and play, but we wouldn't have electricity if it weren't for our earth and the resources it provides. Benton REA members receive 86 percent of their electricity from reliable, efficient, renewable, clean, carbon-free hydropower produced in our northwestern United States rivers. Most of the country is powered by coal and natural gas, both resources provided by the earth. Thanks to these wonderful resources provided by our amazing planet, we can appreciate our earth, even when we enjoy the indoors!

Arbor Day is April 26. We love trees, but not when they grow under or near power lines! Benton REA provides tree-pruning and other tree programs that are environmentally friendly and ensure that reliable electricity is delivered to our members. If you have any questions about trees on your property, or if you plan on practicing the common tradition of planting a tree on Arbor Day, please call 800-221-6987. We will connect you with our arborist for accurate and dependable advice regarding your trees.

Cooperatively,

Michael J. Bradshaw, General Manager
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Mission

Umatilla Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that sells energy and invests in and supports other services to improve the quality of life in our communities.

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Please Join Us at EOTEC on April 20

You are
invited to

Umatilla Electric's
Annual Meeting &
Membership Dinner,
5-7 p.m. Saturday,
April 20, 2019, at the
Eastern Oregon Trade
& Event Center

Dear Member:

It is my pleasure to invite you to our cooperative's Annual Meeting & Membership Dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

We're heading to a new location this year, the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center.

The event is UEC's annual business meeting for our members. We provide updated information on our finances and operations, and two directors will be seated to three-year terms.

(Please see pages 4-5 for election details.)

The Annual Meeting is also a celebration of our cooperative, with a theme this year of "Connecting Lines, Connecting Lives."

Following a short-but-informative meeting will be a catered dinner, and "Magic With Hart" (Hart Keene of Eugene) will entertain us with a show that combines illusion, mind-reading and comedy.

During the event, we'll give away great door prizes to registered members that include a beach trip to Newport's Hallmark Resort, Wildhorse Weekend Getaway, 4K television, Nintendo Switch game system, Bose wireless headphones, KitchenAid mixer, Yeti cooler, handmade quilt, gift baskets, rodeo box seats and more.

Our annual meeting will be fun and informative, served up with a good meal. We look forward to seeing you there!



Robert Echenrode
General Manager & CEO



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Mission Statement

"Wasco Electric Cooperative Inc. will provide its members with competitively priced, reliable energy and related services."

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Manager's Message

Wasco Electric Cooperative Inc. will provide its members with competitively priced, reliable energy and related services.

This is our mission statement. I want to share with you what we are doing to meet this commitment to you, the members.

Competitively Priced Energy

This does not mean the cheapest power. It means we will deliver a product to our members at the lowest-possible cost it takes to serve the rural areas where you live and work.

Wasco Electric serves more than 4,700 meters spread across 1,600 miles of distribution line and five counties. The annual revenue generated from electric sales averages \$6,900 per mile of line.

The cost to serve a system averaging fewer than three customers per mile is much different than the cost to serve a concentrated city load exceeding 40 customers per mile, with revenues in excess of \$85,000 per mile of line.

In addition to the challenges of delivering low-cost power across a sparsely populated rural system, the rising costs of the power we buy from the Bonneville Power Administration continues to be a concern.

Reliable Energy

Ideally, we would like to have the lights on 24/7 throughout the year. However, that is not a reality given the elements our power lines are exposed to.

Your cooperative continually works to deliver the most reliable service possible.

During the past several years of an aggressive right-of-way tree-trimming

program, we have nearly eliminated tree-related outages. While the costs associated with this program are relatively high, the value of clear rights-of-ways and reduced outages has paid big dividends.

In addition to tree trimming, we continue to upgrade portions of the system that have aged to the point of not being able to provide reliable service. This includes pole changeouts, upgraded lines to serve increasing loads and replacement of aging underground lines.

Related Services

In addition to the basic electric service we provide to you, the co-op offers a host of related services.

We offer rebates for several energy-saving programs such as Energy Star appliances, home weatherization, heat pumps, irrigation system improvements and efficient commercial lighting upgrades.

Cooperative members have access to many local and national savings through the use of our Co-op Connections Card. Since its introduction, Wasco Electric members have saved more than \$35,000 on their prescription drugs when using the Co-op Connections Card.

The co-op also offers a budget payment plan for its residential customers and online bill view and pay through our website at www.wascoelectric.com.

As always, if you have any questions about your cooperative, please feel free to call or stop by the office.

Jeff Davis
General Manager

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Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.



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Recovering From The Storm

A few weeks ago, we were looking forward to March winds and April showers, when we received a late February surprise. A snowstorm, the likes of which this area had not seen in 50 years, took down our entire system. It was the largest and most destructive storm in the co-op's 81-year history, and it will easily be the most expensive. Our most expensive storms rarely exceed a few hundred thousand, this storm may very well be in the \$10 million ballpark.

Gov. Kate Brown and Douglas County declared a "State of Emergency" which will likely make Federal Emergency Management Agency dollars available. There are still some hurdles to jump, but we are hopeful FEMA will reimburse up to 75 percent of the cost of repairs.

Initial response efforts were hampered by impassable roads and highways. Douglas Electric crews, alongside ODOT and Douglas County personnel, worked to remove trees, poles, wire and debris that had caused road closures. It took three days before our crews could begin accessing our equipment. Off-road, crews encountered 2-3 feet of snow hiding transmission lines and poles. Many areas needed to be rebuilt, not just repaired. When the snow began to melt, bulldozers were needed to pull line trucks through newly created mud bogs to access damaged transmission and distribution lines.

We hired as many additional contract crews as we could handle. At one point, we had twice as many contract crews as normal employees. Our operations superintendent and warehouseman searched the northwest and beyond to keep the crews supplied with poles, wire and all the equipment necessary to make repairs. It's frankly quite remarkable how everyone worked together to feed, house, equip and support the crews so they could survive their long shifts.

Energizing the city of Elkton was certainly one of the highlights of the restoration process. Our staff engineer, along with engineers from Consumers Power, designed and built a regulator bank that enabled us to feed Elkton through smaller distribution lines while one of three transmission lines feeding Elkton was being built. The atmosphere was reminiscent of Y2K as we all huddled around to see what the outcome would be. It held, and downtown Elkton was back in business.

Given the incredible devastation our system experienced, this restoration effort should easily have taken a month or more. Our crews, contractors and tree crews, with the support of staff, got most all of it done in under three weeks. We are evaluating the process and what we can learn from it, but to see most everyone going above and beyond, all moving in the same direction was amazing.

Support from our members was overwhelmingly positive. The encouragement and support we received through walk-ins, Facebook, our website, phone calls, cards and interaction with the crews in the field was humbling. It is an event like this where people need to come together and become a community. The members of our co-op community did just that and we can't thank you enough.

Douglas Electric Cooperative - General Manager

Columbia Power Co-op



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The Commitment of an Electric Lineworker

Here at Columbia Power, we are fortunate to have many good, hard-working people in a variety of different positions that keep this co-op running.

In April, we celebrate National Lineworker Appreciation Day. Many of you know our local linemen. You also know that when the power goes out, it often is not when you want to be outside working. Our linemen and co-op team also know you—many on a first-name basis. This drives them to do what they do on a personal level. They all are committed to the communities we serve.

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air while wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety and the challenges of the job.

Columbia Power's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A line-worker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

In Oregon and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities and serving on local advisory boards.

Monday, April 8, is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Columbia Power's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in town, please offer them a thank you as well.

**Troy Cox
Manager**

Central Issues

Central Electric Cooperative

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Mission Statement

*The aim of Central Electric Co-op is to
make electric energy available to its
members at the lowest cost consistent
with sound economy and good
management.*

Board meets the third Thursday
of each month at the CEC office,
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78TH ANNUAL MEETING OF Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Friday,
April 12, 2019
Deschutes County Fairgrounds
South Sister Conference Hall
Redmond, Oregon

1 p.m. Registration Begins
1:30 p.m. Meeting Begins

- Business meeting
- Officer reports
- Director elections
- Door prizes
- Grand prize
- Other business





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What About High-Speed Internet?

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative was established more than 75 years ago to take electric service to the rural parts of our two counties that were not served by investor-owned electric utilities. At that time, federal and state laws were enacted to allow the creation of rural electric cooperatives and public utility districts. The government encouraged co-ops and PUDs to electrify rural America by making grants and low-interest loans available.

In 1961, CCEC was about two decades into the rural electrification effort. We had about 6,200 members and the town of Agnes still did not have electricity. In the cooperative spirit, CCEC spent \$500,000 (about \$4 million in today's dollars) to build a distribution line 32 miles to Agnes, taking electricity to the town's 100 residents before there was even a road from Gold Beach to Agnes.

Today, we are more than two decades into the Information Age. Access to the World Wide Web has become an integral part of our society for education, banking, medical care, communication and entertainment. Young people becoming adults today have never known a time without internet access. When people buy a house, availability of high-speed internet is a critical decision-making factor. Similar to Agnes of 60 years ago, many CCEC members and area communities lack an essential service—high-speed internet.

The CCEC Board of Directors and management team are asking the question, “What role should CCEC take in providing high-speed internet to the unserved and underserved areas of Coos and Curry counties?”

As with electrification, federal and state governments provide incentives for cooperatives to make high-speed internet accessible to rural America. Using grant funding, CCEC engaged the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative to study the financial feasibility of taking high-speed internet to all our members. In short, the study showed it is feasible at tremendous expense, with much of the financial risk being borne by the electric cooperative. In the coming months, CCEC will work toward a conclusion to this question.

We want to hear from you, our members, on this topic and will be engaging you in more formal ways. Right now, you can send your thoughts on the issue to info@cooscurryelectric.com.

Brent Bischoff

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The Commitment of an Electric Lineworker

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**Bob Perry
General Manager**



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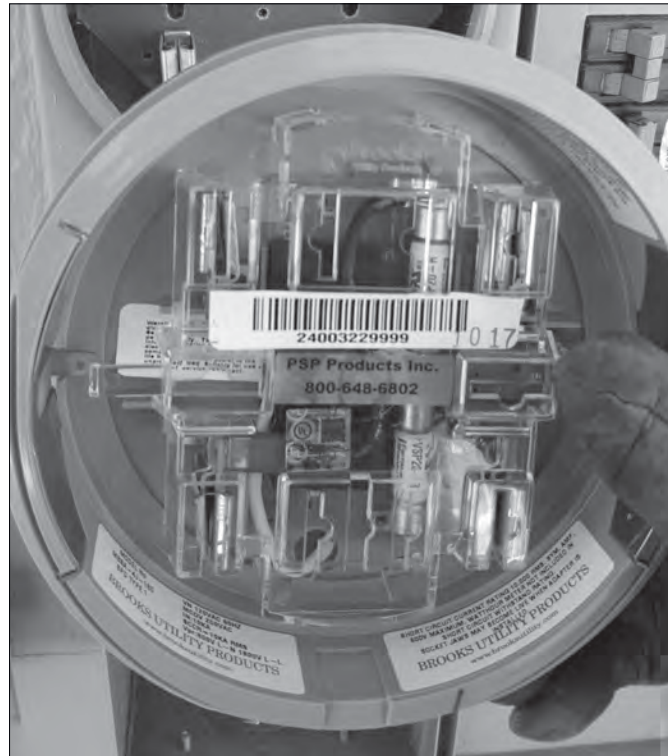
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A Storm for the Decades

Dear Co-op Community Members:

The snowstorm of February 2019 is one for the record books. In the past several decades, never have we seen so much damage to our service territory and the widespread outages that affected so many of our members for up to two weeks.

It was also a historic event due to the human capital we recruited to get the job done. You may have heard this already, but I think it bears repeating: A total of 111 linemen—95 more than our usual crew of 16—worked on behalf of Lane Electric to restore your power as quickly and safely as possible. We are grateful for our rural electric cooperative family and other generous utilities throughout the state and across state lines who provided support.

I also applaud our entire team's commitment and endurance. What you didn't see in the field were the 28 Lane Electric staff members working behind the scenes to coordinate logistics with the Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon Department of Transportation, Lane County and partnering utilities; manage an influx of materials and vehicles; organize meals, laundry and housing for the crews; and distill information for member communications. From the accounting department to the lineworkers, it was an all-hands-on-deck operation.

While crews from other utilities have been sent home, Lane Electric crews continue restoration work in the aftermath of the storm. This includes addressing hazard trees and branches that were partially damaged in the storm and could now fall into power lines during inclement weather. They also will be retrieving

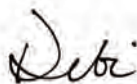
downed wires and broken equipment that was covered by snow or fallen trees. The clean-up phase will last for several months. We may need to again bring in extra crews to get it all accomplished.

We heard many questions and concerns expressed during the outage: Why can't you get more crews? Why can't we get more specific information about restoration times? Why don't you bury the lines so this doesn't happen again?

I encourage you to read pages 4-5 and 8 for answers to these questions and to also attend our district meetings in May to hear more. See page 25 for district meeting dates and locations.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our members, for your patience and endurance during what we know was a difficult two weeks. As the dust settles, we all—as a utility and as individuals—are thinking about how to prepare for future major events. We hope you are doing the same. Whether it's another winter storm or an earthquake, I truly believe it is not a question of if but when. At our district meetings and in future issues of Ruralite, we will share information about disaster preparedness and encourage you to take note.

Sincerely,



Debi Wilson
Acting General Manager





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Transforming Reliability to Resiliency

Dear Members,

Last month, our region got hit hard by a significant snowstorm, resulting in prolonged power outages for large numbers of members. If you were one of the unlucky members whose line was torn down by trees or overloaded with snow, you got a real taste of adversity. You can see how a storm can impact the reliability of electric service.

Our crews went right to work to restore power in the early hours of Monday morning, and by Friday night all but one or two services were restored. After our system was put back together, crews went to work for our public power neighbors at Lane Electric and EPUD.

Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association's member co-ops also answered the call to assist in the regional restoration effort. Our Incident Command Structure and mutual aid agreements—key elements in our disaster recovery plan—were put into action. That is how we strive to build resiliency in the region.

Reliability is what we work on every day while we build and maintain your electric distribution system. Resiliency is how we all respond as a greater community to a disaster, be it manmade or an act of nature. We are doing these things in preparation for the “big one,” a 9.0 earthquake that at some point will strike along the Cascadia fault line from Southern California to British Columbia. Such a quake is predicted to cause widespread power outages, impacting generation, transmission, and distribution systems. It will take at least three days to start assessing the damage from that event. It will take three weeks before we mobilize efforts to begin repairs and a minimum of three months before we can expect to have power restored to the region.

So, are you prepared? February's storm was a good reminder of how well we are or are not prepared to go an extended time without power. Most of our members did well without power for a few days. A few did not. They needed help that we as an organization are not equipped to provide. They needed the help of the greater community, emergency responders, red cross, and warming centers. Just like your cooperative utility needing mutual aid from other coops and public utilities to help each other recover, our member community also needs each other in times of emergency.

Great resource tools to help communities and neighbors build their own resiliency plans are available. See page 8 to learn about building your kit, and go to www.ready.gov/neighbors to learn more. It's up to you and your neighborhood to develop a recovery plan so you, too, are resilient. We are #MorePowerfulTogether!

Sincerely,

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General Manager





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Your PUD Update

This winter sure turned out to be a bit more than we expected. December and January were relatively mild. However, February and the beginning of March were a different story. Numerous records were set for cold temperatures. On March 11, Goldendale set a record cold temperature of 8 degrees, beating the previous record of 16 degrees from 1905. Overall, temperatures were significantly below average and for much longer than normal.

With that being said, temperature isn't the preferred measurement to compare energy needs to environmental conditions. Instead, we use heating degree days. HDD is a measure of the heating requirement which, if you use electric heat, can show relative impacts of heating on your bills.

For example, December 2018 had an HDD of 818. December 2017 showed 902. That means we needed 9 percent less energy to heat our homes last December than in 2017. The late-winter HDD indicates we needed 15 percent more energy to heat our homes in January and 55 percent more in February compared to 2018.

All of this equates to an increased demand for electricity. While we are completing an electric rate proposal for the board to consider in April, keep in mind there have been no electric rate increases since 2016. If you noticed an increase in your electric bill, it's likely a result of more use due to the increase in HDDs.

This year, your higher bills likely will be in March and April as a result of the cold temperatures and higher heating use. Talk with KPUD Energy Specialist Anita Clever about our weatherization and conservation programs to help combat colder weather.

This leads me to additional tools for you all to think about. Our new customer information and billing system provides access to your accounts and energy use information that we did not have with the previous system. You can look at your use online, on your phone or on your computer. For those of us in rural areas, it is important to read your meter consistently to ensure the best information. You can enter your meter read while you're at the meter using the SmartHub app on your smartphone. This eliminates forgetting to call or send in your read.

I encourage you to enroll in our autopay program. This option pairs nicely with SmartHub, which provides bill notifications and lets you view your bills and use, and make inquiries all in the same place. It is the perfect time to consider our equal payment program that evens out your monthly bills to avoid seasonal impacts. Contact customer service to see if you qualify.

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to recognize the dedication of our maintenance staff and their commitment to our maintenance and vegetation management programs. The reliability demonstrated during the cold and incredibly snowy past few months was not by accident. It is the result of that dedication and a cooperative Mother Nature. The cold weather was easier on our electric system than the freeze-thaw cycles, and rain and wind. Those weather events tear down limbs and trees, as you have all seen in previous years. I appreciate the efforts of our Klickitat PUD employees.

Jim Smith

General Manager



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Thank You to Our Linemen

April 18 marks Lineman Appreciation Day across the U.S. It is our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation and dedication of electrical lineworkers. Take a moment to appreciate our local linemen, who go above and beyond, no matter the weather, to keep our lights on.

We often take power, and the men and women who provide it, for granted. Linemen work safely, smartly and efficiently, all while 40 feet in the air. They put their lives on the line 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair electric infrastructure.

NLI's linemen maintain more than 2,800 miles of power lines serving more than 19,000 accounts in northern Idaho, western Montana and a small piece of eastern Washington. Although beautiful, this terrain is rugged and remote. Our crews are standing by to serve NLI's members around the clock to keep your power on and, if there is an outage, restore it as soon as possible. Thank a lineman today for keeping the lights on.



Annual Meeting May 11

On a final note, our 84th annual meeting is Saturday, May 11, at the Panida Theater. Join the NLI board, employees and fellow members of your cooperative to learn more about NLI, enter to win door prizes and claim your \$25 energy credit. I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you. It's always a pleasure to meet and fellowship with the faces of the cooperative.

See you at the annual meeting!

Annie Terracciano
General Manager



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Thanks for listening,

Max Beach
General Manager



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Back Story

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a group of people for their generous participation in several seasonal committees upon which we rely heavily this time of year: the nominating committee, the elections and credentials committee and the scholarship evaluation committee. Because of their commitment and service, we are able to meet the responsibilities as set forth in our bylaws.



Each of these committees is comprised of engaged members who may not have the time to serve on the board of directors yet remain interested in shaping the future of the Cooperative. Service on one of these committees is a wonderful opportunity for Cooperative members to be more involved and supportive of the Cooperative. In a democracy, member participation is crucial. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this process in the future.

Co-ops are different than other forms of businesses because of you, our members. Thank you to the following members for your service this past year:

Nominating Committee: Don Anderson, Phil Clouse, Ray Davidson, Duane Depping, Mark Grant, Albert Janke, John Miller, Tim Pettyjohn, Mike Taylor

Elections and Credentials Committee: Ruth Renken, Alan Mehlenbacher, Charles Reeves, Sue Zimmerman

Scholarship Evaluation Committee: The members on this committee remain anonymous, but to them we are deeply grateful for all of their hard work.

And I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 18 at College Place High School!

Best,

Scott Peters
CEO



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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

I recently provided testimony on HB 2020, Oregon's carbon cap-and-trade bill. I thanked the Carbon Policy Office for working constructively with the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association on provisions that impact the Bonneville Power Administration and with utilities such as Midstate Electric Cooperative that rely on the Federal Columbia River Power System.

As a result of these conversations, we believe there is a greater understanding of BPA, consumer-owned utilities and the role the federal hydropower system can play in helping Oregon meet its greenhouse gas targets.

I offered suggestions that can help improve the bill for Oregon's electric cooperatives. As the bill language is drafted, electric cooperatives that initially have emissions under a 25,000 metric ton threshold receive inequitable treatment if their emissions later exceed the 25,000 metric ton threshold because of economic development.

In fact, electric cooperatives that trigger the threshold after 2021 do not receive any allowances, creating potential rate shock for cooperative consumers.

We believe the committee should provide a safety net for those utilities that begin the program with exempted emissions but later grow to have emissions that exceed the threshold.

The increase in the cost of fuel because of this legislation is of great concern to rural electric cooperatives. The transportation sector creates the greatest amount of carbon emissions in the state, and a rise in gasoline prices could disproportionately affect rural

Oregonians who drive greater distances for work, health care and for all types of goods and services.

Another concern with HB 2020 for electric cooperatives is the direct impact to local industries because many of the state's energy-intensive trade exposed industries are in their service territories. The people who work in these industries are our members. We are concerned a cap-and-trade law could spur companies to shift production and employment to another state, harming our economy without benefit to the climate.

I will keep you updated on the status of this legislation as the session progresses, and call on you for help through our grassroots program ORECA-Action.org. Please remember that an electric co-op, at its heart, is a grassroots organization. Be a part of a proud heritage of local voices speaking up for co-op values and rural Oregon.

Scholarship Applications Due May 6

MEC's 2019 scholarship application is available at www.mse.coop. The final deadline for submitting the application and all required materials is Monday, May 6. Call 541-536-2126 option 5 for details.

MEC's Annual Meeting

MEC's 67th Annual Meeting of the Members is Saturday, May 11. Registration, health fair and barbecue lunch are from 10 a.m. to noon. The business meeting starts at noon.

Please note the new location is La Pine High School.

Dave Schneider
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Youth Rally Entry Rules

Here is your chance to attend the ICUA Youth Rally in July, win one of several scholarships and perhaps be selected to represent the ICUA and Idaho at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in June 2020.

Who can apply: Any high school sophomore or junior whose parents or guardians are Raft River Rural Electric members.

How to apply: All you need to do before May 1 is clip, fill out and return the application form below, visit www.rrelectric.com for a form, or call 800-342-7732 or 208-645-2211.

Qualified entrants receive an entry packet by mail. Complete the packet as instructed, and return the necessary material to Raft River Electric, postmarked no later than May 16.

ICUA Youth Rally Application Form

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Account Number: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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Recognizing Our Crews

In recognition of their most dangerous work and the dedication of linemen to that work, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association established the second Monday of April as a day of national recognition. The full proclamation follows:

Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on so residential and business consumers can depend upon it;

Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure;

Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents;

Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

Therefore be it resolved that the NRECA recognize the second Monday of April of each year as National Linemen Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's electric cooperatives.

**—Adopted by the NRECA Board of Directors
Thursday, December 11, 2014**

We at Big Bend Electric give thanks to our team of linemen, and ask you to consider giving them a wave when you see them in the field on their day, Monday, April 8. We also encourage you to give thanks to all of the other rural electric cooperative employees who complete the team. Without them, the linemen would be at a standstill. So here's to you, member service representatives, specialists, stakers, mappers, accountants, transportation foreman, managers, directors, and substation and meter techs.

To you all, we say thanks for your exceptional service to our neighbors. It all falls apart without each and every one of you.

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Manager's Message

Dear Members,

What a busy month it's been! We were glad to see many of you at the annual membership meetings of the Communications Access Co-op and Hood River Electric Co-op on March 13 and 14, respectively. Your participation and interest in our operations is appreciated and valued. Look for an article about the meeting in next month's edition of Ruralite.

At our HREC annual meeting, members re-elected Pat Moore, Doug Mahurin and John McGhee as directors for the next three years. We are glad to have their knowledge and experience guiding us. During the meeting, we also recognized two employee milestones: Serviceman David Porter was recognized for 25 years of service to HREC members, and Lineman Jeremy McCleary was recognized for 15 years of service.

Later in March, Directors Doug Mahurin and Roger Nelson joined me at a meeting of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association. ORECA's 18 member cooperatives serve nearly 70 percent of the land mass in Oregon and about 11 percent of its population. Each March, we gather in Salem for a legislative rally.

Doug, Roger and I met with Rep. Anna Williams and Sen. Chuck Thomsen to discuss proposed legislation that could affect our members. We are grateful for their willingness to engage with us to better understand the potential effects of proposed legislation on you, our members.

While our directors and office staff were busy with annual meetings and legislative rallies, our linemen were busy providing mutual aid to Lane Electric Cooperative in Eugene following a severe snowstorm that caused tremendous damage to several utilities. Foreman Doug Balzer, Lineman Austin Porter and Apprentice Lineman Tannar Riekema spent 11 days working in the McKenzie River area as one of 23 line crews helping Lane Electric get the lights back on.

As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on Monday, April 8, please join me in thanking our linemen for their excellent dedication and service, and for their willingness to work long hours in difficult conditions to help cooperative members across the state. We are proud of the great work they do!

On behalf of all of us at HREC, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Libby Calnon
General Manager



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Absentee Ballots

Dear Members,

Harney Electric's annual meeting is Saturday, May 4, in McDermitt, Nevada. If you do not plan to attend the annual meeting, but still want to vote, you have two alternatives:

1. You can vote at the Hines office.
2. You can vote with an absentee ballot.

No one can vote until we know who will be on the ballot.

We mail the notice of the annual meeting Thursday, April 4, which also is the earliest day allowed by the bylaws. This

is important to you because the bylaws state you cannot vote or request an absentee ballot until the notice of meeting is mailed.

Voting at the Hines office is not hard. Just come in and do it. Make sure the person voting is listed on the membership or has been formally designated as the voting representative, if the vote is in the name of a corporation, partnership, government body, etc.

Absentee ballots are not quite as straightforward, but a lot of folks use them every year. You have to request them by mail or in person at the Hines office. The bylaws will not let you do that until the notice of meeting is mailed. As a convenience, we include an absentee ballot request form with the meeting notice. We try to mail the absentee ballot the same day the request comes in.

When you get the ballot, do not put it with the bills you will get around to. The bylaws state the ballot must be received at the Hines office by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. We cannot accept a ballot at the meeting that your neighbor brings in for you. Mark your ballot, put it in the privacy envelope, and put that in the mailing envelope. Be sure to sign the outside to verify that it came from a bona fide member, and get it in the mail.

Your vote is important. Cast it carefully.

Fred Flippence
Manager





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SREC Annual Meeting

I hope you marked your calendars for the SREC Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Challis High School.

You probably noticed the annual meeting insert in this month's Ruralite magazine. It provides the meeting details. Remember, you get a \$20 electric credit and some great door gifts just for registering at the meeting!

The annual meeting provides you, the member-owner, the opportunity to participate in the governance of the electric cooperative through the election of board members. The cooperative's board is made up of seven directors from seven districts. This provides broad representation of the members' interests. Each director is elected by the membership as a whole, not by the district they represent. It is the duty of each director to act in the interest of the whole membership, not just the district from which they were elected. This year, you will have the opportunity to elect three directors: one each from the Round Valley, Clayton and Pahsimeroi districts.

Directors represent your interests in the cooperative by abiding by its articles of incorporation and bylaws. In addition, your interests are represented through the board's development and implementation of board, member and employee policies. The board looks after your cooperative through attendance at monthly board meetings, special meetings, and state, regional, and national meetings and trainings.

Once again, you will be given the opportunity to participate in your cooperative by listening to annual meeting reports, which summarize the financial well-being of the cooperative, provide 2017-2018 operational highlights and consider state, regional and national issues that will affect the electric cooperative.

The best part of the meeting for me is the opportunity to interact with the SREC membership, employees, family, friends and other acquaintances. There is no better time or place to kick this off than the pre-annual meeting barbecue at 5 p.m. at Challis High School. SREC's wholly owned Salmon River Propane hosts the barbecue.

Don't miss out on the great prizes to be drawn during the annual meeting. Remember, you have to be present to win. See you there!



Ken Dizes

Ken Dizes
General Manager



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On the Wire at United Electric

Electric lineworkers are committed to the challenges of their jobs. Combine working in the air, high-voltage power lines and extreme weather, and you've got the makings for one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. But linemen are up to the task. They are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

United Electric linemen are responsible for keeping the lights on day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important milestones. In addition to the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineman. At times, the job requires linemen to set aside their personal priorities to better serve the local community.

To perform their job successfully, linemen depend on their years of training and experience, and they depend on each other to get the job done safely. Equally important, linemen rely on a strong support system at home. A lineman's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

In Minidoka and Cassia counties and across the country, electric linemen's mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their job. United Electric linemen are familiar faces in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, leading a Scout troop, or volunteering for local churches and charities.

Monday, April 8, is recognized by electric cooperatives across the country as Lineworker Appreciation Day. United Electric linemen are dedicated both on and off the job. I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to the local community. If you see a member of their family in the grocery store or out and about around town, please offer them a thank you as well.

Thank you, United Electric linemen.

Jo Elg
General Manager

**Committed to the job.
Committed to safety.
Committed to you,
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Lineworker Appreciation Day
April 8, 2019





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Important Dates

April

CVEA Board Meeting: The April meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, in Glennallen

Voting Deadline: Director election ballots must be received in the correct CVEA mailbox by 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2019
*don't forget to sign the back of the ballot envelope

Annual Meeting: The CVEA Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, in the Copper Basin District; registration and fun begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.

May

Annual Meeting: The CVEA Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 2, in the Valdez District; registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.

CVEA Board Meeting: The May meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2019, in Valdez

CVEA Offices Closed: The CVEA offices will be closed, Monday, May 27, 2019, for Memorial Day

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2019 Annual Meeting of Members Copper Basin - Tuesday, April 30, 2019 Valdez - Thursday, May 2, 2019

The time has come! It's your final reminder to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of Members. This is your opportunity, as a member-owner, to find out what's going on at CVEA and celebrate your Cooperative's 60th year of service, and the date is just around the corner!

The meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in the Copper Basin District at the Alaska Bible College Murdock Campus Center and Thursday, May 2, 2019, in the Valdez District at the Valdez Civic Center. Registration, food service, and fun begin at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting and celebration will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to hear reports, learn about CVEA projects and issues, and ask questions about your electric cooperative. You'll also accept director election results and find out who won the CVEA Community Foundation scholarship awards.

Members are going to have so much fun playing CVEA trivia, enjoying special member recognition and a catered meal, and trying their luck at tons of cool prizes. Every member signed in by 6 p.m. will be eligible to win prizes, and will receive an awesome free gift.

There will be a Split-the-Pot fundraiser for the CVEA Community Foundation, which provides scholarships to students and contributions to nonprofit organizations in our communities, so don't forget to bring a little extra cash if you'd like to participate!

Vote in the Director Election

Per CVEA Bylaws, a minimum of 10 percent of the district membership must return their ballots to constitute a valid election. For this reason, even if there is only one candidate running per seat, we still need you to VOTE!

Don't forget to sign your ballot envelope and ensure it is received in the designated CVEA post office box by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

This year, all valid ballots received by the April 23 deadline will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 CVEA energy credit!

If you have questions regarding the annual meeting or the election, contact Sharon Scheidt at 822-5506, 835-7005, or email scheidt@cvea.org.





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Board meetings are in the PUD office
at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday after the
11th of the month.

Our Mission

Tillamook PUD provides safe, reliable and
competitively priced power to our
customers.

Our Vision

Tillamook PUD provides high value to
our customers, staff and community,
performing now and preparing for the
future.



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Dear Customers:

We depend on reliable electricity more than ever
before in our world today. In the United States, there
are an estimated 155 million electric customers.
Tillamook PUD has more than 21,000 customers.

From powering the hospitals that save lives, to the
oven that cooks dinner for your family, electricity is
everywhere, and when we are without it, everyday
life can become challenging.

It is Tillamook PUD's primary job to ensure our
customers have safe, reliable and affordable electric-
ity delivered to their homes and businesses. This is
something our staff takes seriously and strives to deliver every day.

Our linemen have a deep connection to the community and an incredible amount
of pride in their work. If the power goes out during a storm, they go out during the
storm to restore it. No amount of rain, snow or sleet stops their determination to take
care of people in their community. They don't stop until the work is complete.

Toward the end of February and into March, heavy snowstorms swept through
several regions of Oregon, causing massive damage to electrical facilities in numer-
ous areas. Tillamook PUD crews responded to assist both Consumers Power in the
Detroit Lake area, and Emerald PUD in the Cottage Grove and Lorane areas.

Many of the people in these areas were without power for days on end, in freezing
temperatures, and often with no alternative sources of heat. Our crews restored power
to these communities just as they would in their own community, with the same laser
focus and tenacity to complete their duties. Their technical skills, equipment, and
experience helped them function independently so EPUD's stretched-thin staff could
work in other areas to restore power.

The work our crews do and the assistance they provide to neighboring utilities
during a time of need helps us to continue to build a strong connection with other
utilities. We rely on the relationships we have built and maintained. If someday we
experience a catastrophic disaster in our community, we know our utility partners will
respond and be here for us.

National Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18. This day honors the hard work
and dedication of our line workers, both past and present. I am proud of the work our
crews perform and proud to have them on the Tillamook PUD team.

Sincerely,

Todd Simmons
General Manager





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Annual Members' Meeting

When

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Where

Lathrop High School's Hering Auditorium, Fairbanks

Also, video streaming via Facebook Live to these locations:

- Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy
- Delta Community Center



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At all three locations:

- Account holder must present I.D. at registration.
- Door prize drawings (you must be present to win)
 - A total of \$3,000 in electric credits
 - HomeSense Audits (5)
- At the end of the meeting, receive a free LED Safety Night Light.



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Agenda

1. 5 p.m. Registration
2. 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to Order by Board Chairman & Board of Director Introductions
4. Appointment of Sergeants-At-Arms and MAC Acknowledgements
5. Secretary's Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing
6. Secretary's Quorum Report
7. Approval of Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting
8. Door Prize Drawings
9. Reports by President & CEO and Board of Directors
 - Board of Director Elections
 - Scholarship Awards
 - Financial and Project Updates
10. Door Prize Drawings
11. Member Comments
12. Door Prize Drawing
13. Adjournment

Manager's Message

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Telecommunications

PST's coax and wireless broadband services offer download speeds of up to 20Mbps. Our fiber optic services offer speeds up to 1Gbps. With these speeds, you can stream videos on multiple devices at the same time without slowing down. You could even eliminate your TV bill with streaming services.

PST has successfully completed an upgrade in part of Graeagle from old coax to fiber optic. The coax in this area was sending feedback and noise into the entire area, reducing speeds for a large portion of Graeagle. With this upgrade, service for the existing coax will be improved. PST is currently working to replace poor-condition coax with fiber optics in portions of West Quincy, and will then be doing the same for Chandler Road, American Way and Hillside. We are expanding as quickly as we can.

Letting us know that you want service and what your existing service is will help us plan our expansion.

We are also pleased to announce we have a new wireless access point in Doyle and another serving the Herlong Flats area. We expect new access points in the Cowboy Joe Road and Ward Lake areas later this spring.

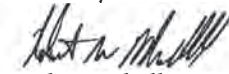
For more information and to sign up for service, call us at 800-221-3474 or visit www.pst.coop.

PST has submitted applications for grant funding from the California Public Utilities Commission Advanced Services Fund for parts of the Highway 70 corridor between Quincy and Graeagle, including part of Greenhorn Ranch. We are also applying for service to Johnsville, Lake Davis, parts of southern Sierra Valley, Elysian Valley and Gold Run, parts of C-Road, Mohawk Vista, and Maybe. The grants are limited to areas where the CPUC—not the homeowner—

has decided that there isn't adequate service. People outside of the grant areas will also benefit by the fiber optic being brought closer to more neighborhoods, which will improve wireless service as well as coax service. We will find out in October if we are awarded funding to proceed with these projects.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call me at 800-555-2207 ext. 6076, or email me at bmarshall@psrec.coop.

Sincerely,


Bob Marshall
 General Manager

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 1, 3, 8, and 10

Adult Climbing Night. Feather River College, 570 Golden Eagle Ave., Quincy. Basic instruction.
 For more information, email rstock@frc.edu.

April 2

Community education class: tole painting (intermediate class). Feather River College. 570 Golden Eagle Ave., Quincy, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 For more information, call 530-283-0202.

April 3, 10, 17, and 24

Community education class: community woodworking. Quincy Jr./Sr. High School. 6 Quincy Junction Road, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
 For more information, call 530-283-0202.

April 5

Artist's Opening Reception. Main Street Artists Gallery, 436 Main St., Quincy. 5 to 7 p.m. Reception for featured artist.
 For more information, call 530-283-1909.

Artist's Opening Reception. Plumas Arts, 525 Main St., Quincy, 5 to 7 p.m. Plumas Arts Gallery welcomes a new exhibition. Meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments.
 For more information, call 530-283-3402.

April 13

Taste of Plumas. Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds. 204 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
 For more information, call 530-283-6402.



April 27

Native Daughter's Mad Hatter Tea Party. 320 Commercial St., Downieville. Fundraiser benefits the preservation of the historical and treasured 1864 building in Downieville.
 For more information, call 530-289-3595.

Lassen County Chamber of Commerce Spring Home Garden & Recreation Show & Wedding Showcase. Lassen County Fairgrounds. 195 Russell Ave., Susanville, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 For more information, call 530-257-4323 or email director@lassencountychamber.org.

Lassen Land & Trails Trust Homebrew Competition. Historic Susanville Railroad Depot. 601 Richmond Road, Susanville. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.
 For more information, call 530-257-3252 or email land@lassenlandandtrailstrust.org.

April 27 & 28

Cabin Fever Quilters Quilt Show. Father Burns Hall, 100 Pine St., Portola.
 For more information, call 530-836-1524 or email dgcrary@yahoo.com.

May 4

Quincy Rotary Annual Golf Tournament. Plumas Pines Golf Course. 402 Poplar Valley Road, Graeagle. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with shotgun start at 11 a.m.
 For more information, call 530-283-0800 ext. 11.

June 15

Tour de Manure. Cycle the meadows and historic ranching communities in the Sierra Valley. Registration opens at 7 a.m. Sierraville Firehouse, 102 E. Main St. Proceeds benefit Sierraville Volunteer Fire and Rescue.
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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 8. National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A lineworker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

In PSREC service territory and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their

work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities and serving on local advisory boards.

Monday, April 8 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of PSREC's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. If you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in town, please offer them a thank you as well.

Communications

Have you visited PSREC and PST's Facebook pages lately? If you are curious and want the most up-to-date information about your cooperative and its subsidiary, please find us on Facebook under Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative and Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications. Please also take a moment to review us on Google, Yelp and Facebook.

We post systemwide power outage notifications and other useful information, such as updates and tips. If you are not on Facebook, no worries! Check out www.psrec.coop and www.pst.coop to stay informed. You can also receive major, systemwide outage updates via text message. To sign up for text notifications, text PSREC to 95577.

Another method of member communication is through your smartphone with our SmartHub app, available for Apple and Android devices. You can pay your bill, view your energy-use history and contact us from the convenience of your smartphone, tablet or other devices.

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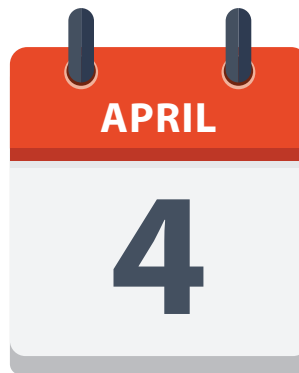
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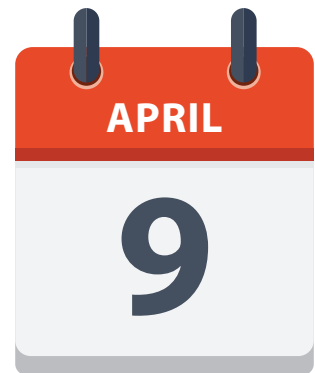
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Important Dates



**Mt. Wheeler Power
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**Board of Directors
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**Deadline for Youth
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A Story in Just Six Words

There is a legend that Ernest Hemingway once bet his dining companions that he could write a story in six words. He reportedly wrote, "For sale: baby shoes, never worn" and collected \$10 from each person at the table.



The concept of flash fiction has inspired other powerful six-word stories such as, "Cursed with cancer, blessed with friends," "I still make coffee for two," "It did not go as planned," and "She did it the hard way."

I'm no Hemingway, but I can tell you the story of Wells Rural Electric Company (WREC) in six words: "People wanted electricity. They worked together."

The sequel is just six words as well: "Working together is better for everyone."

It may seem like merely a philosophical statement, but we are actually working together in more ways than one.

For example, you have an opportunity in June of each year to nominate yourself or a fellow member to serve on the board of directors. As the top decision-making body, the board you elect creates policies and sets rates to ensure that safe, reliable, clean and affordable electricity keeps flowing to your homes and businesses. Your Board is working together for you.

As members, you are working together to invest in your company. It's easy to think of your electricity bill as just another bill, but it's more like a mortgage statement. While the majority of your bill is the cost of wholesale electricity, a portion of your bill pays interest and principle. Just like your mortgage, you are building equity in an asset. In this case, the asset is the cooperative that delivers electricity to you at cost.

Unlike your home equity, the money isn't tied up until you sell your home or take a home equity loan. A portion of your equity is refunded each year through the capital credit check you receive. The capital credit system uses equity collected last year to refund a portion of the equity collected in previous years. In this way, even the newest members are investing in their cooperative while the investments made by earlier members are gradually repaid.

Not only is your equity invested in upgrading and maintaining the grid, it is invested in the equipment and buildings necessary for your employees to put your assets to work.

A few of us still think of the headquarters building on Humboldt Avenue as the "new building" because we began our careers with WREC in the "old building" on Lake Avenue. Through diligent maintenance and small renovation projects, this building has been serving your needs for 33 years. Parts of the distribution grid have been serving you for 61 years.

Your board and employees take pride in being good custodians of the assets you entrust to us. Your cooperative is financially sound. Physical assets are well maintained. Long-term power supply contracts help keep rates affordable. Budgets are wisely invested. Strategic planning prepares your cooperative for the future.

That future can also be summarized in six words, "Meeting the changing needs of members."

My fellow employees and I thank you for the privilege of helping you create a more powerful future together.

Clay R. Fitch
Chief Executive Officer



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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Turning a Big Ship



In my career, I've had the pleasure of working only for utilities that presented a lot of professional challenges. In my first weeks at Valley Electric I have found there to be no shortage of opportunities that fit my competencies.

I am in my element at this Cooperative. I intend to tear down walls, bring real transparency and empower the membership with the goal of bringing reliable, affordable services to our communities. We need each other to grow and prosper.

The first thing is to bring VEA back to the membership. Unfortunately, I've encountered walls separating management and the employees and walls between the Board and the members. I don't know how that happened, but I intend to change it. There should always be a communication path linking the staff, the Board and the membership.

The membership has reared up. We heard it loud and clear at our district meetings. Our members have a lot of issues, some real, some perceived.

The lack of openness was real. It is easy to say you are transparent even when you are not. If a member can call and get a quick, straight-forward answer from the CEO, you have the beginnings of a transparent cooperative. By the time you read this, members will have access to more information than ever before. Go to VEA.coop and check it out for yourself. Or call me at 775-727-2746.

Policies, financial forecasts, power requirements – we will open up

everything we can.

The membership should have a quick path to the Board member, who should be well educated and can get members involved. We will better utilize the expertise that exists among our members.

We will also drive out any excess costs at VEA. There are more than 900 cooperatives in the country, so we have access to great benchmarking tools. How we fit into that overall matrix is a good measurement of how accomplished we are at getting things done for the members.

Being No. 1 in fixed costs and in the top 10 in variable costs does not make me feel really good. But that is where VEA was in 2017. While many positive changes were made by this Board and this team in 2018 – and we are now beginning to feel the benefits – there is more left to do.

Anytime you try to turn a big ship, it takes time. I ask the membership to give this Board and myself a little time. Good utility management will get this turned around.

Until next month,

Dick Peck
Chief Executive

Dick Peck was named Chief Executive of Valley Electric Association March 4, 2019. His 47-year career in public power has included 24 years as a CEO of rural utilities in the West and four years of consulting in South America and Southeast Asia.



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The Kittitas PUD Board of Commissioners meets the last Tuesday of each month in Building B. Please visit the PUD website to view all approved board minutes.

Need Help With Your Utility Bills?

The following organizations may be able to help.

- ▶ Fish, 509-925-5990
www.kvfish.org
- ▶ HopeSource, 509-925-1448
www.hopesource.us
- ▶ Kittitas County Veteran's Coalition
Kittitas: 509-933-2932
Cle Elum: 509-647-3872
- ▶ St. Andrews Catholic Church, Ellensburg, 509-962-9819,
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- ▶ Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington,
800-567-6690, www.stoww.webs.com

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- ▶ Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Lineworker Appreciation Day

Electric lineworkers are committed to the challenges of their jobs. Combine working in the air, high-voltage power lines and extreme weather, and you've got the makings for one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. But linemen are up to the task. They are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Kittitas PUD linemen are responsible for keeping the lights on day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important milestones. In addition to the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineman. At times, the job requires linemen to set aside their personal priorities to better serve the local community.

To perform their job successfully, linemen depend on their years of training and experience, and they depend on each other to get the job done safely. Equally important, linemen rely on a strong support system at home. A lineman's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

KPUD linemen's mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their job. They are familiar faces in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, leading a Scout troop, or volunteering for local churches and charities.

Thursday, April 18, is recognized by electric cooperatives across the country as Lineworker Appreciation Day. KPUD linemen are dedicated both on and off the job. I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to the local community. If you see a member of their family in the grocery store or out and about around town, please offer them a thank you as well.





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From the CEO and Board of Directors

Please join us at the
2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Grant County Fairgrounds
Doors open at 10 a.m.

Lunch is provided
Vote for board positions 7, 8 and 9

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Trees, Power Lines Don't Mix

Dear Members,

Spring has finally arrived. After a harsh winter, the sight of trees budding and daffodils blooming is a welcome change. Although the temperatures are beginning to increase as we head toward summer, remember that vegetation growth will also start to increase.

Tree-related power outages are the most frequent reason for interruptions to service. Wind, snow and ice damage the trees, which causes branches and limbs—and sometimes entire trees—to tear down energized lines and poles. These inconvenient outages deprive our members of necessary amenities such as heat, lights, telephone and computer systems, which have become an integral part of many people's lives.

Trees that touch power lines are a safety issue. Not only do they put increased stress on live wires, causing branches to burn and fall to the ground—which can cause fires—they also drain electricity from our electrical system, which can result in a voltage loss.

Ohop Mutual must adhere to all applicable right-of-way agreements, federal, state and local laws and ordinances, and all applicable safety codes to deliver safe, reliable electric service to our members. This can only be accomplished by maintaining a safe distance between your trees and our wires.

In the past, we have tried to accommodate members who requested only the minimum trimming be completed on their trees. Unfortunately, due to increased power rates, governmental regulations and labor costs, we can no longer accommodate these requests. I know many of our customers love their trees. I fully empathize with that because I also appreciate the beauty of trees and the time it takes them to grow. But the fact remains that trees and power lines just don't mix.

We want to thank all of our members who have taken the extra step to keep the right-of-way clear of trees and/or have allowed us to remove trees. Even though tree removal is more expensive than trimming, not having to come back and trim again every few years saves the cooperative money. The payback can be seen in just one trimming cycle. Fewer trees also reduce the cooperative's exposure to tree-related outages, saving even more money and keeping our rates low. We will continue to notify members by letter when our tree crew will be in their neighborhood. If you have any concerns, please contact our office.

Until next time, stay safe. Spring has started and summer is just around the corner.

Kenneth Klotz
General Manager

Ohop Mutual Light Co. Notice of Annual Meeting

Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7 p.m.

The Ohop Grange

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Tanner Electric Cooperative's Annual Membership Meetings

Tanner Electric Cooperative's 83rd annual meetings are coming up fast. Join the TEC Board of Directors, employees and fellow member-owners for fun, food and an update on your cooperative. We look forward to seeing you there.

North Bend/Ames Lake: Wednesday, May 22,
7 p.m. in the Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom

Anderson Island: Saturday, May 18,
10 a.m. at the Anderson Island
Christian Fellowship Church





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Notice of Board Vacancy

Are you interested on serving as a Parkland Light & Water Co. trustee? Interested member-owners are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Parkland Light & Water Co.

Attn: Susan Cutrell

PO Box 44426

Tacoma, WA 98448

Submissions must be received by May 15, 2019. Interviews will be conducted with selected candidates. The successful candidate will be appointed by the board.

PL&W Articles of Incorporation:

Article V. Section 3.

A vacancy in the board of trustees shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board, who shall appoint a member of the Corporation as trustee to serve until the next annual meeting, at which time a trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of all members present and voting, to serve during the unexpired term.





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Community Calendar

April 4: Clatskanie Chamber Meeting

Noon at Colvins

April 11: Rainier Chamber Meeting

Noon at the Rainier Methodist Church

April 13: Bulky Waste Cleanup Day in

Clatskanie: Annual Clatskanie Bulky
Waste Cleanup Day at Clatskanie City Park
8 am to Noon

April 17: Clatskanie PUD Board

Meeting - Workshop at 5:30 pm, followed
by regular board meeting at 7 pm.

April 20: Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Clatskanie Kiwanis Club
Clatskanie Middle/High School Fields
10 am sharp - Don't be late! Free Event!
There will be 5 age divisions.

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As we get closer to May, we would like to remind our customers of the necessary rate action the Board of Directors took in October of 2017. That rate increase was part of a four year debt reduction strategy in preparation to both offset increased fixed costs for our system and the substantial loss of revenue we will experience in May of 2021. Starting in the May 2019 bills, our customers will see an increase in their base charge of \$4 as the next step in that rate action plan.

The substantial loss of revenue will be due to the expiration of our WGA co-gen contract which has produced millions of dollars in dividends to the District since its inception in 1994. The dividends from the co-gen plant at Wauna Mill has subsidized our rates for over 20 years, but is set to expire in 2021. The Board approved a debt reduction strategy in 2017 to make sure we can remain financially stable when the dividends expire. By taking proactive measures now, instead of a 24% rate increase in 2021, we reduced the total impact to our customers to only 10%.

Putting the increase of the debt reduction strategy and non-power operating expenses in the base charge actually benefits 80% of our low income customers as opposed to adding the increase to the energy charge. The base charge is a fixed cost that can be budgeted for, whereas the energy charge is not and can fluctuate considerably due to weather for heating or cooling.

Another reminder, we will be expanding our office hours to better provide for our customers. Beginning Monday, May 6th we will be open from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday. Our offices will be closed on Fridays. We will also now be available to our customers on holidays that we have been previously closed: Martin Luther King Jr Day, President's Day, and Veterans Day.

In our recent customer survey, 80% of our customers who responded were supportive of our expanded hours. Contractors will now be able to meet with operations personnel on their way to the job site starting at 7 am and customers who work out of town will also be able to stop by on their way to work.

We also believe that our new schedule will provide cost cutting measures and greater efficiencies for the District. We will continue to be available 24/7 for outages as usual. Please report all power outages by calling 503-728-2163. As always we will continue to provide the best customer service possible, as we strive to improve our processes.

Marc Farmer
General Manager





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Notice to Members Regarding 2019 KEA Annual Meeting

The Kotzebue Electric Association 2019 Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

The George Francis Nominating Committee will met March 7 to nominate KEA members to run for the Kotzebue Electric Association Board of Directors.

Ballots were mailed to the members April 5, and are due at the Kotzebue office by May 3.



Don't miss the Kotzebue Electric Annual Meeting, where you can learn about what your co-op is doing, and enjoy a free meal and possibly win a prize.



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AK-105

Spring is here!

March 20 was the first day of spring and our days are now rapidly growing longer. The great migration of waterfowl is well underway and the rivers are starting to shrug off their winter sleep. As the sun warms our earth, bears are emerging from their winter migration and ice roads are becoming less stable. Please exercise caution when traveling.

In a few days, AVEC's 50th annual meeting will get underway and we hope to have 50+ delegates in attendance. We will also have the results of the directors' election at the meeting and those results will be shared on our website and Facebook page soon as we have them. If you receive this Ruralite magazine early in April and you haven't already sent in your ballot, you may still have a few days to do so. Ballots must be received at the independent CPA's office by April 9 in order to be included in the final count.

2019 will be another very busy year for AVEC and we will keep you posted through this magazine and on our website and Facebook page about planned construction and other activities. If you haven't visited our website recently, please do so - it has been completely revamped and is very easy to navigate. You can find us at www.avec.org.

I wish all of our members throughout our great state a bountiful spring harvest and a prosperous year ahead.

Until next time,

Meera Kohler
President and CEO





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Garrett Prater was the 2015 scholarship recipient.

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Case in Point

As evidenced by our feature story this month, this winter tested the strength of the Oregon rural electric program like I have not seen before, at least for two western Oregon cooperatives: Douglas Electric and Lane Electric.

Our brethren in the Southeast batten down the hatches every hurricane season, but we rarely see Mother Nature unleash the type of fury she brought in the form of a snowstorm that crushed ancient fir trees as if they were saplings.

There is no way to prepare for countless giant trees crashing into power lines, rendering roads and highways impassable and impeding the ability to even assess the damage.

When the power went out in places such as Oakridge and Elkton, it became abundantly clear there would be no quick fix, and co-op members needed to settle in for the long haul.

How these systems were rebuilt requires more space than I have in this column, but it was a total team effort involving linemen from throughout the state, as well as tree trimmers, excavators, flaggers and every staff person from these co-ops working at peak effort.

I closely followed the updates from both co-ops and thought they were the model for how to communicate during a crisis. Co-op members want and deserve the straight scoop. They may not like hearing that the outage could go on for three weeks, but at least they know where they stand.

As a result, the support from co-op members was overwhelmingly positive, despite the hardship. In a day and age when most of us get annoyed when our Wi-Fi is down for a few minutes, the storm of 2019 gives us hope that patience, resilience and a sense of community are alive and well in rural Oregon.

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April 13, 2019

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President's Message

Don't Miss Your Annual Meeting

Did you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of its membership? The purpose is to take care of the business of your co-op. It is also a great day of family fun and, as a bonus, there are great door prizes!

Escambia River Electric Cooperative's annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the errands of life and more of our interactions with others are online via social media, we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections. Few organizations are uniquely positioned like EREC to bring together members of our local communities.

While rural Americans do a better job than most of staying connected to our neighbors, it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone's hand lifts both parties.

Our country and community face many challenges. Every day we hear stories of natural disasters, government deception and acts of

violence. Overcoming these issues will only happen if we come together and do what we can to make our country a better place. That happens one community at a time.

EREC's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable and affordable electric power is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

If you have never attended the annual meeting, or if it has been a few years since you last attended, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members.

We get out of life what we put into it. EREC is connected to you by more than just power lines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting. ■



Sam Walker

**80TH
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, April 27,
Jay High School**

**8 a.m. registration
10 a.m. meeting**



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Photo by Brian Tiedemann

Working to Exceed Your Expectations



Scott Newberry
Chief Executive Officer

It is the purpose of FKEC to meet the needs and expectations of our members. To do this, we work to stay at the forefront of our industry by embracing new technology, while also staying true to our hometown roots.

The most obvious expectation from our members is reliability. I'm proud to report that in 2018, we reached our highest reliability to date. Despite addressing long-term damage from Hurricane Irma, last year we achieved a record-breaking average of 31.2 minutes out per member — A testament to the hard work done before and after the Category 4 storm.

We also realize our members expect more than just reliable power service. That is why we strive to improve and expand the services, programs, tools, and resources that support the needs of our members today and in the future. It is our goal to anticipate and exceed your expectations.

For some members this means growing our online amenities, for others, it means maintaining our high standards for in-person customer service. To provide the reliable, safe, efficient power and superior customer service our members have come to expect, we are committed to combining modern technology and personalized service.

While we can set goals to meet your expectations, it is the commitment of your FKEC team — the employees, staff, and board of directors — who turn goals into reality. I appreciate their dedication to protecting your interests and serving our community to the best of their abilities. Please see pages 25, 26, 28 and 29 for photos of the hardworking people behind your power.

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CEO's Message

Recognizing Our Crews

In recognition of their most dangerous work and the dedication of linemen to that work, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association established the second Monday of April as a day of national recognition. The full proclamation follows:

Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on so residential and business consumers can depend upon it;

Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure;

Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents;

Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

Therefore be it resolved that the NRECA recognize the second Monday of April of each year as National Linemen Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's electric cooperatives.

**—Adopted by the NRECA Board of Directors
Thursday, December 11, 2014**

I give thanks to our team of linemen, and ask you to consider giving them a wave when you see them in the field on their day, Monday, April 8. I also encourage you to give thanks to all of the other rural electric cooperative employees who complete the team. Without them, the linemen would be at a standstill. So here's to you, member service representatives, specialists, stakers, mappers, accountants, transportation foreman, managers, directors, and substation and meter techs.

To you all, I say thanks for your exceptional service to our neighbors. It all falls apart without each and every one of you.



Jeff Brewington



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Trustees normally meet the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Central. The board meets at the Wewahitchka office in even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October and December) and the Southport office in odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November).

The mission of GCEC: Fulfilling the changing needs of our membership and communities by providing cost effective, reliable and safe utility services through a dedicated and responsive workforce.

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GCEC President's Message

You Are Invited!

Valued GCEC Member:

It is my pleasure to invite you and your family to our 71st Annual Members' Meeting on April 27, 2019, beginning at 8 a.m. at our headquarters office in Wewahitchka.

As a member-owned electric cooperative, it is imperative our members participate by voting. Because not all members are able to attend the meeting, we offer two convenient options to ensure all members have the opportunity to make their voices heard:

- **Internet.** Vote online at <https://gcec.coopballot.com>. Follow the online instructions to place your vote on the secure website. Please make sure you have your voting PIN handy. The number is on the paper ballot enclosed in your packet.

- **Paper.** Vote via the U.S. Postal Service by completing the ballot in your packet and returning it in the postage-paid envelope included in the packet. Your ballot is mailed to a third party, which is conducting the voting process on behalf of the cooperative so we do not have access to completed ballots. We are unable to accept ballots hand-delivered to our offices.

This year, District I trustees are up for re-election. The incumbents are Betty Moore, Group 1; Gary Cox, Group 2; and Kinneth Daniels, Group 3. None of the incumbents face opposition. Therefore, following Robert's Rules of Order, there is no need for a formal vote. The matter is decided by acclamation or unanimous consent. Because no voting will be brought before the membership on the day of the event, you need to check the "acclamation" box for us to install the three trustees.

In appreciation of your time to complete the voting process, we will credit \$5 to your electric bill. The cooperative also will work with the third party to randomly select members to receive prizes. Some will receive gift cards with a value of at least \$25. Ten lucky members will receive \$100 electric bill credits.

For those who plan to attend the meeting—and we hope you do—we will have children's activities; complimentary food and beverages; informational booths; and live music by The Gann Family. As a bonus, we have included a prize ticket in your election packet. If you attend the meeting, make sure you bring the ticket to the event. Turn in half the ticket to be eligible to win prizes. If you do not bring the ticket, you forfeit the chance to win prizes at this year's event, so don't forget your ticket.

The election closes Wednesday, April 17. If the third party does not receive your ballot by this date, it will be rejected. Please be mindful of the deadline.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us. As always, it is a pleasure to serve you.



Doug Birmingham

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative office lobbies will be closed Thursday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Lineman Appreciation Day.



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

April 23, 2019
May 21, 2019
June 25, 2019

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Thanking Our Lineworkers

PRECO depends on lineworkers to keep the power on. Please join us as we commend the hard-working employees who put their lives on the line every day for our members.

Here are 7 reasons to thank a lineworker:

1. Lineworkers put their lives on the line

Line work is recognized as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. Even with safety measures in place, lineworkers still face risks working with high voltages and at heights.

2. Lineworkers are dedicated to their career and education

Lineworkers must learn the specifics of electrical theory. They are required to learn how to climb poles safely and work with extremely high voltages. Lineworkers put these lessons to work daily.

3. Lineworkers keep the power on in rain or shine

Despite adverse weather conditions, lineworkers remain committed to keeping the power on. They make repairs following hurricanes and other severe storms when communities depend on power the most.

4. Lineworkers demonstrate an undeniable strength

Lineworkers spend long hours hauling heavy gear and pulling thick cable and wire. All lineworkers possess a strength, both mental and physical, necessary for success.

5. Lineworkers work to perfect their skills

Our lineworkers perpetually train to keep up with changes in best practices in the industry.

#ThankALineWorker



Periodically, our lineworkers participate in pole top rescue exercises—where each man must climb a pole and “rescue” a practice dummy—to demonstrate they have the skills to save a coworker’s life in the event of an emergency.

6. Lineworkers take safety seriously

Practicing safety is always a priority for those working near high-voltage equipment. Cutting corners can be deadly. Our lineworkers look out for themselves, their fellow employees and the community.

7. Lineworkers are devoted to their families and communities

The work is demanding and the hours are long but lineworkers are just as devoted to their families and communities as they are to their careers. It’s not always easy but looking back at the end of each day with pride makes it all worth it.

Thank a lineworker. With their help, PRECO is always looking out for you.

Randy

Randy Shaw
PRECO CEO



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A Thank You to Our Linemen

HERO. When you hear this word, who do you think of?

When I was young, the word “hero” filled my head with images of my favorite comic book characters: Batman, Superman, Captain America.

As I grew, my idea of what was required to be a hero began to change. Slowly, my heroes were no longer required to wear a cape, have superpowers or a sidekick. They began to look a lot less like Spiderman, and a lot more like average, everyday people. They traded in X-ray vision for a pair of old work boots. They exchanged flying jet packs for John Deere tractors. Some of these heroes still fought bad guys, but they did so in police uniforms or military fatigues instead of traditional superhero spandex. They became parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters. Most of these heroes spent their days—and nights—disguised as regular people.

Serving on the board of Marlboro Electric has allowed me the opportunity to get to know a whole group of heroes on a personal level. You may know these heroes as co-op linemen.

MEC linemen are a special breed. Some of these guys grew up watching their fathers work on power lines, dreaming of one day following in their footsteps and becoming a lineman. For most, being a lineman is not just a career choice, but a lifestyle. They sometimes speak in a language foreign to most people. Words such as “tagline,” “pig tail” or “stinger” make up their vocabulary when chatting with fellow linemen. If you see a lineman in public, there’s a good chance he’s in uniform. These guys eat, sleep and breathe line work, and they truly take pride in what they do.

At MEC, we are blessed with those who choose to become linemen, but it takes an even more special woman to marry one. These women often endure sleepless nights and long days working or at home taking care of young families while their husbands are away assisting strangers during storms. They live every day with the fact that their husbands’ career choice is consistently ranked one of the most dangerous in the world. Ask any of these women what their husband does for a living, and they will gladly tell you he is a lineman. They are proud. Their kids are proud. There are usually big hugs waiting for dad when he finally returns home.

It gives me great pride to tell you that as a Marlboro Electric member, you have the best linemen in the world working tirelessly day and night with one goal in mind: to make sure your home has power.

April 18 is National Lineman Appreciation Day, but let’s not wait until then to tell them thanks. Let’s thank them every day for being true heroes and for risking their lives to bring comfort to ours.

SAM P. “BO” MCINNIS

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Willie Wiredhand is the longtime mascot and spokesplug of electric cooperatives around the country. He was adopted in 1951 by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Here’s your task: Willie is hidden somewhere in every issue of *Currents*. See if you can find this friendly face among the news and stories as you read!

